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NEGOTIATIONS

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1. HANOI'S "VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY (VNA)" BROADCAST THE TEXT OF AN
OCTOBER 8 "PRG" GOVERNMENT STATEMENT WHICH SAYS FLATLY THAT THE
COMMUNISTS WILL NOT DEAL WITH THE GVN SO LONG AS PRESIDENT THIEU
REMAINS IN POWER. THE OPERATIVE LANGUAGE READS: "...THE
PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
VIET-NAM FIRMLY DEMANDS ... OVERTHROW OF NGUYEN VAN THIEU AND
HIS GANG WHO CONSTITUTE THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO THE SOLUTION OF
THE POLITICAL ISSUES IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AT PRESENT, AND THE
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SETTING UP IN SAIGON OF AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WISHES PEACE AND

NATIONAL CONCORD AND IS WILLING TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM IN A SERIOUS WAY. ... ONLY SUCH AN ADMINISTRATION CAN ENGAGE IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE MATERIALIZATION OF THE MOST URGENT DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM ..." THE STATEMENT GOES ON TO INVITE "ALL POLITICAL FORCES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS CHARACTERS, AND ALL INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS" TO JOIN IN THE STRUGGLE TO "OVERTHROW NGUYEN VAN THIEU AND HIS CLIQUE" AND TO ESTABLISH "IN SAIGON AT AN EARLY DATE" AND ADMINISTRATION "WILLING TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT SERIOUSLY."

2. THE STATEMENT ALSO DEMANDED, IN STANDARD TERMS, THE "DEFINITIVE AND COMPLETE TERMINATION OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET-NAM AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL US MILITARY PERSONNEL DISGUISED AS CIVILIANS, AS STIPULATED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT ..." IT ALSO CHARGED THAT THE CIA HAD "INFILTRATED THE (POLITICAL STRUGGLE-MOVEMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO STERR IT OFF ALONG ANOTHER COURSE."

3. COMMENT: THE "PRG" STATEMENT IS THE COMMUNISTS' MOST DRAMATIC EFFORT THUS FAR TO CAPITALIZE ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE SOUTH. HANOI-CONTROLLED MEDIA HAD, ON EARLIER OCCASIONS, REPORTED APPROVINGLY DEMANDS FOR THIEU'S OUSTER BUT HAD CAREFULLY AVOIDED TYING THE COMMUNISTS UNEQUIVOCALLY TO SUCH DEMANDS.

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